



Both lawsuits at issue bring claims of personal injury against the same defendants for the same alleged motor vehicle accident. Though the instant lawsuit was filed two years ago and the other case filed this year, an Amended Complaint was recently filed in the instant lawsuit. The Amended Complaint named BNSF Logistics, Inc. as a defendant for the first time. Having reviewed the Complaints in this case and in Cause Number 2:17-CV-240-RL-APR, the Court finds that the two cases have common issues of fact and common issues of law. Consolidation for the purposes of discovery will reduce the burden placed on witnesses, parties, and judicial resources.

Finding the motion well taken, the Court hereby **GRANTS** the Agreed Motion to Consolidate and to Vacate Deadlines [DE 85] and **ORDERS** consolidation of the instant litigation and 2:17-CV-240-RL-APR **for discovery purposes only**. The Court **INSTRUCTS** the parties to continue to file all future motions in both cases under separate cause numbers. The Court **VACATES** the pending deadlines. A hearing for the purpose of resetting the deadlines will be scheduled by separate order.

SO ORDERED this 25th day of July, 2017.

s/ Paul R. Cherry  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE PAUL R. CHERRY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT